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RESPONSE

This paper responds to the Office Action mailed 7 November 2003. Claims 1 – 20 are pending in the above-identified Application. Claims 1 – 6 are withdrawn from consideration and claims 7 – 20 are rejected. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 7 – 20 and request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection in view of the amendments and remarks presented in this paper.

Remarks Concerning Formalities

Applicants submit herewith abstracts of the Japanese references noted on the IDS received by the Office not on 8 July 2003, but on 28 September 2001 with the original application. Applicants also submit a substitute or revised IDS that shows publication dates for the Japanese references.